

BELIEVES NEGOTIATIONS ARE RESULTING IN GOOD.

Until One Side Actually Closes Door
to Peace Proposals, President
Hopes End is Near.

Washington, Dec. 27.—In spite of the wide gulf between the insistence of the central powers for an immediate peace conference and the overcast of a unanimous refusal by the entente allies to enter such a conference without knowing Germany's terms in advance, the American government believes that the negotiations in progress are resulting in good. It was said with authority tonight that until the door to peace actually is closed by one side or the other, President Wilson will continue to hope that any discussion of the subject will tend to hasten the end of the war.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, returning early tonight from New York, authorized the Associated Press to make the following statement:

"I regard the note of my government as constituting an acceptance of everything suggested by President Wilson in his note to the belligerent nations of Europe."

CHRISTMAS TREE A BIG SUCCESS.

(Continued From Page 1.)

W. A. Smith, \$5; Citizens National Bank, \$10; Sam T. Hodges, \$5; S. Y. Bryson, \$5; W. H. Justus, \$5; First Bank & Trust Co., \$10; Kentucky Home, \$5; A. H. Hawkins, \$5; Bland Hardware Co., \$5; Otis Powers, \$4.75; Gray Hosiery Mill, \$1.00; Mr. Eaves, 50c; Rev. Geo. Wright, \$1; Rev. Davis, \$1; C. H. T. Bly, \$1; E. W. Williams, 25c; Zimmerman's Book Store, \$1; Dr. E. A. McMillan, \$2; W. H. Bangs, \$1; Frank Staton, \$1; B. Jackson, \$1; F. S. Wetmore, \$1; J. H. Carpenter, \$1; Dr. W. R. Kirk, \$1; Dr. Mallett, 50c; Dr. J. L. Rose, \$1; Michael Schenck, \$2.50; Dr. C. Few, \$1; C. Few, Jr., \$1; Ed. Ficker, \$1; Gilreath & Gurley, \$1; W. S. Miller, \$2; K. G. Morris, \$1; J. E. Shipman, \$2; H. M. King, \$2; Hesterly Stepp, \$1; E. W. Ewbank, \$1; F. E. Durfee, \$2; Harold Davis, \$1; W. A. Young, \$1; Prof. C. E. Blackstock, \$1; Chas. Rozelle, 1; E. Lewis & Son, \$2; M. C. Letson, \$1; F. A. Ewbank, \$1; Dr. A. B. Drafts, \$1; Miss Leona Allen, \$1; F. R. Scofield, \$2; Eakers Gallery, \$2.50; F. V. Hunter, \$1; R. L. Edwards, \$1; E. L. Ewbank, \$1; Bonnie Brooks, \$1; W. A. Smith, Jr., \$1; A. S. Truex, \$1; R. H. Staton, \$1; Rigby-Morrow Co., \$1; J. W. Bailey, \$2; E. G. Stillwell, \$1; William Lott, \$1; J. F. Stevens, 50c; J. A. Fletcher, 50c; George Justice, 50c; Cash, 50c; Hal Whitfield, 50c; Charles Morrow, 50c; J. V. Helzel, 50c; L. R. Chewning, 50c; W. P. Whitmore, \$1; Cash, 50c; Cash, 25c; Cash, 25c; Cash, 50c; Harry Ewbank, 25c; Cash received through J. F. Brooks, \$8. Merchandise donations—W. A. Keith, \$10; T. L. Durham, \$9.75; J. T. Wilkins, \$2.75; Burkmyer Bros., \$5; M. M. Shepherd, \$5; Light & Power Co., \$5; Walker Smith, cakes and bread; H. Patterson, 25 lbs coffee; Laundry, Ice & Fuel Co., coal; Josh Rhodes, wood; J. D. Duff, 4 shirts; J. O. Williams, sweaters, coats, underwear, hosiery; Freeze Hosiery Mills, hosiery; Candyland Store, candy; Geo. Gianokas, candy; Justice & Harty, meat; Carter's Market, meat; Rev. R. N. Wilcox, toys; Hendersonville Hardware Co., toys; H. M. Flynn, candy and apples; Golden Rule Store, flour; Byers Bros., flour; Interstate 5, 10c store, toys.

DEATH OF MRS. SINGLETARY IN BRADENTOWN, FLORIDA.

(Contributed.)

On December 11, in Bradentown, Fla., the sweet spirit of Mrs. J. K. Singletary passed away, leaving a devoted husband and two small daughters to mourn for her.

Her cherry, lovable disposition made her home a "place of joy" for her family and friends. It is with a sad heart that we think that, never again, will she greet us in her pretty mountain home, just back of Laurel Park, where for six years Mr. Singletary had taken them each summer.

Everybody is going to the big auction sale of personal property and farm, January 1, Jeffress place near Fletcher, N. C. 12-28-1tc

AGED CITIZEN DIES AT HIS FLETCHER HOME.

(Asheville Citizen.)

R. T. Tow ninety-four years old, and for fifty-five years a member of the Old Salem Baptist church, died at his Fletcher home on Tuesday. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. P. Ford, were held at the Old Salem church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was at Fletcher.

Mr. Tow was in good health up to within one year of his death. He has been an active church worker for more than half a century and was one of the best known citizens of this community. He is survived by nine children: Mrs. B. J. Murray, Skyland; Mrs. G. D. Nathan, Biltmore; Miss Addie Tow, Fletcher; Mrs. J. M. Garren, Bear Wallow; J. F. Tow, Marion; Erwin Tow, South Carolina; J. W. Tow, Arden.

SCULLY TAKES LEAD.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 27.—With the elimination by Supreme Justice Kalisch here today of 301 votes cast in the recent election for Robert Carson, republican, and 211 cast for Thomas J. Scully, democrat and incumbent, the contest in the Third congressional district of New Jersey apparently has swung in Scully's favor. These votes were from Middlesex county. The original returns from the entire district showed Carson was elected over Scully by eleven votes. Justice Kalisch has yet to pass upon a number of ballots cast in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

MANY LETTERS RECEIVED.

Acting Secretary A. S. Truex, of the Board of Trade is receiving many letters from all over the United States from people asking for furnished and unfurnished houses for rent, small farms and real estate in general. The eyes of the country are turned to Western North Carolina which all goes to show that 1917 will be the most prosperous year in the history of the "Land of the Sky."

HENDERSONVILLE MAN BUYS HOME IN ST. PETERSBURG

W. McKee Kelloy has sold for William B. Cooley to Chas. R. Whitaker, of Hendersonville, N. C., at private terms, lots 6 and 7, block 4, Roser park. These lots have a total frontage of 104 feet on Eighth avenue south by a depth of 103 feet on the east line and 110 feet on the west line.

One of these lots is improved with a splendid two-story residence of the living room type containing six large rooms and bath. It is one of the best houses in Roser park. The extra lot has some splendid grape fruit trees and a garage on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker have large real estate interests in Hendersonville and Asheville, N. C. It is their first visit to St. Petersburg. They will take immediate possession of the property just purchased and occupy it as their winter home.—St. Petersburg Times.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE AT THE JEFFRESS FARM NEAR FLETCHER

After the farm is sold we will sell all of the personal property of farm, consisting of two gasoline engines, one corn shredder, on corn harvester, one grain binder, seven-ft. cut; one motor power baling press, one grain drill one manure spreader, mowing machine, rake, Tedder, ram wagons, hack, surry, buggies, cream separator, plows, disc harrows, all small tools and implements.

Also, seven mares, one horse, and one mule, three Gurnsey cows, three Gurnsey heifers, three Gurnsey calves, fifteen head of Poland China hogs.

If you want to buy a farm or any of this property do not fail to be at the sale, Monday, January 1, 10:30 a. m., rain or shine, on the property.

Write or wire C. J. Jeffress, Fletcher, N. C., and he will meet you and show you the property.

Sale will be continued to next day if not sold on Monday.

Yours truly,
W. D. HILL COMPANY.
Free dinner served on the property! 12-18-1tc

It must go. It must be sold for the big dollar, the Jeffress Farm, January 1, near Fletcher, N. C. 12-28-1tc

THOSE COUNTY BONDS.

(Asheville Citizen.)

There came startling developments yesterday when the accidental discovery of a four line item in a financial magazine gave the people of Buncombe the first knowledge that the county commissioners had recently put out a \$300,000 bond issue.

The Buncombe county commissioner themselves and the public generally will agree that The Citizen has frequently gone out of its way to commend and praise all worthy accomplishments of the county board, and it will again commend meritorious action whenever taken by the board. But this paper believes that it would be wanting in its duty to the taxpayers of Buncombe county, and to the rank and file of its citizenship, were it to condone, and seemingly approve by silence, the secret bond issue of \$300,000, which brought only a premium of \$1,200 to the county, when it might have brought a premium of at least \$15,000.

ADVISES WHAT WE SHOULD DO.

(Continued from Page 1)

view of establishing a paper mill, why could not Hendersonville take up the matter, and go in to secure this industry for the new year? You have the wood and water in abundance, Co-operation will bring mighty things to pass. A paper mill in Hendersonville, at this time, that can furnish paper at a reasonable price above cost of production, will be the greatest stroke of enterprise the town ever conceived, for the eyes of the whole publishing world will be upon the beautiful mountain "Tourist Capital," and it will be an advertisement unparalleled. It's worth looking into and handling.

FOREST CITY BIDS FOR ARMOR PLATE FACTORY.

Forest City, Dec. 26.—Because of the railroad facilities and their accessories, power in abundance, climate, labor and all the advantages necessary to the establishment of an armor plate factory, Forest City is the ideal place for this enterprise.

The Board of Trade, and a goodly part of the citizenry of Forest City, came together in mass tonight and awoke to the advantages this town has to the establishment of the armor plate factory. Committees were appointed to draft the necessary resolution and appear before the committee in Washington at once.

PIN MONEY CLUB.

The First Bank & Trust company is announcing the opening of a pin-money club for Christmas saving accounts. The plan worked successfully to hundreds of thoughtful persons last year and next season promises to carry the largest club in the history of the bank. Call at the bank today or tomorrow and begin on time for next Christmas.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Hustler would greatly appreciate it if subscribers would phone news items, personals and social items to the office. Prompt attention will be given the same by telephoning Number 6.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT EAST HEN-VILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Christmas tree was held at the East Hendersonville Baptist church last Monday night when many hearts were made glad with presents, candy etc. Rev. George Wright, the pastor had the pleasure of presenting the presents and a crowded church building witnessed the exercises.

LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED FARM LOAN BANKS.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Springfield, Mass., Baltimore, Columbia, S. C. Louisville, New Orleans, St. Louis, St. Paul, Minn., Omaha, Wichita, Kansas, Houston, Texas, Berkeley, Cal., and Spokane have been chosen as locations for federal farm loan banks.

Look it over—look the land over, the bottom land—the upland—the buildings before the sale, January 1, near Fletcher, Jeffress farm. 12-28-1tc

SPECIALS

FOR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY

JUST BEFORE WE TAKE STOCK

Cotton and wool Underwear, Overcoats, Corduroy pants.

LADIES READY-TO-WEAR AT HALF PRICE

We must close this line out

OVERSHOES	29c per pair up
RAINCOATS	\$1.98 up
LEGGINS	25c up
UMBRELLAS	50c up
FLANNEL SHIRTS	49c
SHIRTS, 75c value	49c
Groceries [left over from sale] at Half Price	

We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year

H. PATTERSON

King Clothier

BEGIN 1917 RIGHT!

Read the Hustler--Get your Neighbors to read it--Send it to a Relative or Friend out of town.

Help your City, County and Self by subscribing to the home county paper

A great many of the weeklies over the country are going up to \$1.50 per year after Jan. 1st. We may have to later but now the price remains \$1.00 the year in advance

Wishing You All a Happy New Year

WE want to thank our friends and patrons for making this year the most successful year in our business. With the coming of a new year comes our effort to improve and increase our business. Look to this store for Honest values and you will never be disappointed.

E. LEWIS & SON

The Undersellers

Hendersonville, N. C.

MUTUAL PRINTING CO.

Hendersonville, N. C.